(b) Does not arise.

(c) Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC) has been authorised to provided e-ticketing facility to passengers.

Pending proposals for introduction of new trains

2841. SHRI HARISH RAVVAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for introduction of new trains pending with his. Ministry;

(b) whether it is a fact that certain proposals were made by the State Government of Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the details of those proposals;

(d) what is the criterion for introduction of new trains; and

(e) on what grounds the proposals received from the State of Rajasthan are not being accepted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Out of 55 pairs of trains announced in Railway Budget 2006-07, only 4 pairs of trains are left for introduction. Further, 45 pairs of new trains have been announced to be introduced during 2007-08.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. No such proposal has been received from Government of Rajasthan. However, some proposals have been received from people's representatives *inter alia* regarding introduction of trains.

(d) and (e) New train services are introduced subject to traffic justification, availability of resources, operational feasilbility etc. Introduction of new trains is an ongoing exercise over Indian Railways and new train services are gradually provided irrespective of geographical boundaries every year. 5 pairs of new trains services announced in Railway Budget 2007-08 will serve Rajasthan.

Construction of second platform on Sajanpur

2842. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a second platform has been constructed at Sajanpur railway